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Docket No.: 826,1547

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ELECTRONIC DATA STORAGE APPARATUS WITH KEY MANAGEMENT FUNCTION

AND ELECTRONIC DATA STORAGE METHOD

AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: Mail Stop Issue Fee

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A Notice of Allowance dated March 16, 2004 was issued in this application.

Consideration of the following amendments is respectfully requested.

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